

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims shall replace all prior listings, and versions, of claims in this application.

#### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended)      A non-contact position sensor comprising:  
  
a sensor assembly comprising at least one magnet having a C-shaped cross-section, said magnet disposed adjacent a magnetic field sensor; and  
  
an activating member;  
  
said magnetic field sensor providing a first output when said activating member is in a first position relative to said sensor assembly and a second output when said activating member is in a second position relative to said sensor assembly, said activating member not extending between said magnet and said magnetic field sensor in either of said first and said second position.
2. (Original)    The position sensor of claim 1 wherein said magnetic field sensor comprises a Hall sensor.
3. (Original)    The position sensor of claim 1 wherein said sensor assembly is mounted to a rail of an automobile seat rail system.
4. (Original)    The position sensor of claim 3 wherein said sensor assembly is mounted directly to said rail.

5. (Original) The position sensor of claim 3 wherein said sensor assembly is mounted to said rail via a bracket.

6. (Original) The position sensor of claim 1 wherein said activating member is a rail of an automobile seat rail system.

7. (Original) The position sensor of claim 1 wherein said activating member is attached to a rail of an automobile seat rail system.

8. (Original) The position sensor of claim 1 wherein said sensor assembly is mounted on a first rail of an automobile seat rail system and the activating member is a second rail of said automobile seat rail system.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A seat position sensor system comprising:  
a seat rail system comprising a movable rail and a stationary rail;  
a sensor assembly comprising at least one C-shaped magnet and a Hall device, said sensor assembly being mounted to a first of said movable rail and said stationary rail; and

said Hall device providing a ~~first output~~ first output when said movable rail is in a first position relative to said stationary rail and a second output when said movable rail is in a second position relative to said stationary rail, said second of said movable rail and said stationary rail not extending between said at least one magnet and said Hall device in either of said first position and said second position.

12. (Original) The system of claim 11 wherein said sensor assembly is mounted to said movable rail.

13. (Original) The seat position sensor of claim 11 wherein said sensor assembly is mounted to said stationary rail.

14. (Original) The system of claim 11 wherein said sensor assembly is mounted to one of said movable rail and said stationary rail via a mounting bracket.

15. (cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Original) The system of claim 11 wherein one of said movable rail and stationary rail comprises an activating member, said activating member being in a first activating position relative to said sensor assembly when said movable rail is in said first position relative to said stationary rail, and said activating member being in a second activating position relative to said

sensor assembly when said movable rail is in said second position relative to said stationary rail, said activating member not extending between said at least one magnet and said Hall device in either of said first and second activating positions.

18. (Currently Amended) A method of sensing vehicle seat position comprising:  
providing a sensor assembly comprising at least one C-shaped magnet and a Hall device;  
mounting said sensor assembly to a first seat rail, said Hall device providing an output,  
said output being a first output when said sensor assembly is in a first position relative to a  
second seat rail and said output being a second output when said sensor assembly is in a second  
position relative to said second seat rail, said second seat rail not extending between said at least  
one magnet and said Hall device in either of said first and second positions; and  
determining a position of said seat in response to said output.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18 further comprising mounting an activating  
member to said second seat rail, said Hall device providing a first output when said activating  
member is in a first position relative to said sensor assembly and a second output when said  
activating member is in a second position relative to said sensor assembly, said activating  
member not extending between said at least one magnet and said Hall device in either of said  
first and second position of said activating member.

20. (Currently Amended) A sensor comprising:  
at least one C-shaped magnet;  
a magnetic field sensor disposed adjacent said at least one magnet;

said magnetic field sensor providing a first output when an activating member is in a first position relative to said at least one magnet and said magnetic field sensor and a second output when the activating member is in a second position relative to said at least one magnet and said magnetic field sensor, the activating member not extending between said at least one magnet and said magnetic field sensor in either of said first and second positions.